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2. Preparations for the Jugendweihe will begin in February 1955. Two lessons per week are to be held. The most important feature of this training is the instruction on the development of human society. The curriculum for this type of instruction has not yet been worked out in detail. At the same time, SED secretaries are supposed to promote the idea of German unity and to refrain from any open anti-church activities.

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